

ARCHBISHOP SAYS NO TO SEPARATION

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On January 31 the Archbishop of Canterbury, George Carey, spoke to the annual council of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia. He is in the United States on a sabbatical leave.

He emphasized that Anglicans are "a people who live with diversity and differences," stating: "Let us never be among those who separate from other Christians because of our disagreements with them over matters to do with discipline or doctrine" (Religious News Service, Feb. 3, 1997).

The Archbishop apparently has not read his Bible lately. Compare what God says with what this disobedient Archbishop has stated:

"Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and AVOID THEM" (Romans 16:17).

"BE YE NOT UNEQUALLY YOKED TOGETHER with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore COME OUT FROM AMONG THEM, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you" (2 Corinthians 6:14-17).

"Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye WITHDRAW YOURSELVES from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us" (2 Thessalonians 3:6).

"BUT SHUN profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness. And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus; Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some" (2 Timothy 2:16-18).

"Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: FROM SUCH TURN AWAY" (2 Timothy 3:5).

"Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied

therein. ... Let us go forth therefore unto him WITHOUT THE CAMP, bearing his reproach" (Hebrews 13:9,13).

"Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, RECEIVE HIM NOT INTO YOUR HOUSE, NEITHER BID HIM GOD SPEED: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds" (2 John 9-11).

"And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, COME OUT OF HER, MY PEOPLE, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues" (Revelation 18:4).